Manufacture of personal computers

3024. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of personal computers manufactured in the country during the last five years, year-wise; and

(b) what is the number of personal computers imported into the country during the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI $U. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) Based on the inputs available from Manufacturers Association of Information Technology (MAIT) and Director General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCIS) on the annual market and imports of Personal Computers respectively, the detail sought are as follows:

(In Lakh units)

Year	Sales (Estimated by MAIT)	Imports	Estimated Quantity manufactured in India
	(A)	(B)	(C)
1998-99	10.20	0.28	9.92
1999-00	14.00	0.67	13.33
2000-01	18.80	0.59	18.21
2001-02	16.70	0.35	16.35
2002-03	22.90	0.52	22.38

Threat to IT professionals abroad

3025. SHRI LALU PRASAD:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian IT professionals working in various European Countries are being threatened by the contemplated changes in immigration laws of these countries;

(b) whether there is a possibility that a large number of these professionals would have leave their jobs in near future;

(c) whether Government propose to take up this matter with these countries; and

(d) if so, in what manner and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Government is now aware of any present threat to Indian IT professionals working in various countries due to the contemplated changes in immigration laws of these countries.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Postmen In Greater Mumbai

3026. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of postmen in Greater Mumbai;

(b) whether there is any plan to cut down the present strength of postmen of all the post offices in Mumbai; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) There are 4690 posts of postmen in Greater Mumbai.

(b) and (c) 512 posts of postmen have presently been abolished, as per recommendations of the Screening Committee.

Telephone exchanges in Chhattisgarh

3027. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number as well as the location of telephone exchanges set up in the various districts of Chhattisgarh during the period from the 1st January, 1998 to June, 2002;

(b) the cost incurred on setting up of each exchange, separately;